

Des Plaines River Watershed

Potential Sources of Technical Assistance and Funding for Watershed Projects/Programs

The following list of potential funding sources is compiled from a variety of sources. Funding and program availability are contingent upon federal, state, and local budgets and appropriations for the budget year in which funding is being sought, so changes may have occurred that are not reflected in the list. Contact the program representative for updates or changes to program details.

The *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)* is the good resource to search federal funding sources. The catalog should be available at local libraries and can also be accessed on the CFDA website on-line at: <http://www.cfda.gov>. The website lists all federal funding programs available, including those for conservation. Federal agency websites will provide more detailed information about federal programs and provide information on other opportunities for assistance. All organizations applying for federal funding must have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) identification number.

There are a number of *Federal Tax Incentives for Conservation* for owners of environmentally sensitive land that has been donated for conservation purposes, or has been placed in a conservation easement, or simply managed for conservation. Individuals, organizations, and others are all eligible. Information can be found at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collectionCfr.action?collectionCode=CFR>, www.irs.gov/, www.ait.org, and <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-04-41.pdf>. You can also contact the Illinois EPA, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois, 62794-9276. Phone: 217-782-3397.

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) - issues federal environmental regulations, enforces federal environmental law, and manages many grant programs.					
Brownfields Grants – Assessment Grants, Revolving Loan Fund Grant & Cleanup Grants	EPA's Brownfields program provides direct funding for Brownfields assessment, cleanup, revolving loans, and environmental job training. EPA's Brownfields Program collaborates with other EPA programs, other federal partners, and state agencies to identify and make available resources that can be used for Brownfields activities. In addition to direct Brownfields funding, EPA also provides technical information on Brownfields financing matters.	Local governments, private not-for-profit (501C3) groups, and others	\$2 to \$3 million annually. Cleanup grants require 25% cost-share, grants range from under \$15,000 to over \$50,000	https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/types-brownfields-grant-funding	EPA Region 5 77 West Jackson Boulevard Mail Code SM-7J Chicago, IL 60604-3507 Phone (800) 621-8431
Environmental Education Grants Program	Funds environmental education activities such as curricula design or dissemination, designing or demonstrating educational field methods for the public, and training educators	Educational organizations, private not-for-profit groups, and local governments	Minimum of 25% matching funds or in-kind services required. Awards of \$25,000 or less are granted by regional offices	https://www.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants	Megan Gavin U.S. EPA, Region 5 77 West Jackson Boulevard Mail Code AT-18J Chicago, IL 60604 gavin.megan@epa.gov
Environmental Justice Small Grants Programs	Supports and empowers communities working on solutions to local environmental and public health issues. The program is designed to help communities understand and address exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks. Projects include clean air projects, healthy waters projects, land revitalization projects and environmental health projects.	Educational organizations, private not-for-profit groups	Projects up to \$30,000, depending on the availability of funds in a given year.	https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-small-grants-program	US EPA, REGION 5 Alan Walts walts.alan@epa.gov 77 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604-3507 312-353-8894
Smart Growth Technical Assistance Opportunities	Offers grants to support activities that improve the quality of development and protect human health and the environment	Local governments, private not-for-profit groups, and others	In-kind contributions with assistance preferred	https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/epa-smart-growth-grants-and-other-funding	Office of Sustainable Communities USEPA 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20460 202-566-2878 smartgrowth@epa.gov

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Five Star Restoration Challenge Grants	Bring together citizen groups, corporations, youth groups and students, landowners, and government agencies to undertake projects that restore streambanks and wetlands. Projects must include a strong wetland or riparian restoration component, and should include education, outreach, and community stewardship. Jointly administered by the national fish and wildlife foundation, the national association of counties, and the wildlife habitat council, and mainly funded by USEPA.	Requires at least five or more partnering organizations	\$5,000 to \$20,000 with a 1 to 1 match requirement	https://www.epa.gov/wetlands/5-star-wetland-and-urban-waters-restoration-grants	USEPA Wetlands Division, Room 6105 (4502T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC. Email: price.myra@epa.gov
USEPA Office of Wastewater Management (OWM)	OWM supports the Clean Water Act by promoting effective and responsible water use, wastewater treatment, disposal and management and by encouraging the protection and restoration of watersheds. OWM provides regulatory standards, voluntary management approaches, and financial and technical assistance to states, tribes, communities, and regulated entities to protect human health and aquatic ecosystems, reduce flooding, and protect the nation's infrastructure investment.	Varies	Informational only	http://www.epa.gov/owow/funding.html	see website
USEPA Financial Tools and Funding Sources for Environmental Programs	Used for identifying financial tools and funding sources for environmental programs	Anyone can access	Informational only	https://www.epa.gov/envirofinance/tools	see website
Wetland Program Development Grants	Support strengthening state comprehensive wetland programs, developing a comprehensive wetland monitoring and assessment program, improving the effectiveness of compensatory mitigation, and refining the protection of vulnerable wetlands and aquatic resources.	States, local governments, public agencies, and interstate agencies	\$50,000 to \$420,000 grants with 25 percent local match requirement	https://www.epa.gov/wetlands/wetland-program-development-grants	US EPA Region 5 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL, 60604. Phone: 312-886-0241 Email: garra.catherine@epa.gov

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Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IL EPA) administers state and federal environmental programs and regulations.					
Clean Water Act Section 319 Grants	Provide funding for implementing corrective and preventative best management practices on a watershed scale, for the demonstration of innovative BMPs on a sub-watershed scale, and the development of information and education nonpoint source pollution control programs. Administered by Illinois EPA	State and local governments, nonprofits, individuals, businesses	Federal cost share at 60 percent maximum	http://www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/nonpoint-sources/grants/index	Illinois EPA, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL, 62794 Phone: 217-782-3397
Clean Water State Revolving Loan Funds (CWSRF)	Initially designed for wastewater treatment plant upgrades, supports watershed and nonpoint source control measures. Approximately 20% set aside for nonpoint source control green infrastructure projects. These can include projects such as agricultural and urban runoff control, wet weather flow control including stormwater and sewer overflows, buffers, wetland protection, habitat restoration, and community-based comprehensive watershed management.	State and local governments, nonprofits, individuals, businesses	Funds projects at 100% at a national average interest rate of 2.2 percent, subject to change	USEPA: https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf Illinois EPA: http://www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/grants-loans/state-revolving-fund/index	Illinois EPA, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois, 62794-9276. Phone: 217-782-3397
Streambank Cleanup and Lakeshore Enhancement (SCALE)	Program provides funds to assist groups that have established a recurring stream or lakeshore cleanup. Funds can be used for safety attire, litter bags, event promotion, logistical needs and dumpster or landfill fees	Organizations that have an established streambank/lakeshore cleanup; environmental groups, soil and water conservation districts, park districts and nonprofit organizations	Ranges from \$500 to \$3,500	http://www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/surface-water/scale/index	217-782-3362
Volunteer Lake Management Program (VLMP)	Administered by the Illinois EPA, serves as an educational program for Illinois citizens to learn about lake ecosystems and utilizes the time and talents of citizen volunteers to gather fundamental information on inland lakes.	Lake owners	Technical assistance only	http://www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/monitoring/vlmp/index	Alana Bartolai - Lake County Health Department 500 W. Winchester Road, Unit 102 Libertyville, IL 60048 Phone: 847-377-8009

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Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) manages programs that assist communities in disaster planning and hazard mitigation					
Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)	Helps states and communities identify and implement measures to reduce the risk of flood damage to structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Green Infrastructure projects such as rain gardens, roadside swales, infiltration trenches, vegetative buffers, etc.... can fit into the minor localized flood reduction projects or soil stabilization categories. These projects lessen the frequency or severity of flooding and decrease flood damages. This designation can include a system of LID/GI-based stormwater management devices that reduce runoff volumes by infiltration, evapotranspiration, or storage of rainwater for beneficial uses, as long as the system demonstrably reduces the extent of flooding. These projects must not duplicate flood prevention activities of other Federal agencies and may not constitute a section of a larger flood control system.	State agencies, NFIP communities, qualified local organizations, tribal governments	Federal cost share maximum of 75 percent	https://www.fema.gov/flood-mitigation-assistance-grant-program	FEMA Region 5, 536 South Clark St., Chicago, IL 60605. Phone: 312-408-5500
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)	Implements long-term hazard mitigation measures following a major disaster declaration and, in Illinois, for post-disaster floodplain building buy-outs, elevation, relocation, retrofit, and demolition on public and private land. Green infrastructure projects such as rain gardens, roadside swales, infiltration trenches, vegetative buffers, etc.... can fit into the minor localized flood reduction projects or soil stabilization categories. These projects lessen the frequency or severity of flooding and decrease flood damages. This designation can include a system of LID/GI-based stormwater management devices that reduce runoff volumes by infiltration, evapotranspiration, or storage of rainwater for beneficial uses, as long as the system demonstrably reduces the extent of flooding.	State and local governments, qualified nonprofit organizations, tribal governments	Federal cost share maximum of 75 percent. These projects must not duplicate flood prevention activities of other Federal agencies and may not constitute a section of a larger flood control system.	https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program	Mr. Ron Davis, Illinois Emergency Management Agency, 110 East Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701-1109. Phone: 217-782-8719 E-mail: RDavis@iema.state.il.us

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National Flood Insurance, Increased Cost of Compliance Program	Provides flood insurance policyholders with flood damaged homes and businesses in high-risk areas, also known as Special Flood Hazard Areas, with assistance to help pay the Costs to bring their home or business into compliance with their community's floodplain ordinance, including building elevation, relocation, demolition, or floodproofing.	Flood insurance policy holders	Federal assistance up to \$30,000	https://www.fema.gov/increased-cost-compliance-coverage	FEMA Region 5, 536 South Clark St., Chicago, IL 60605. Phone: 800-427-4661
Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDM)	Implements the pre-disaster mitigation program for states and communities to reduce risk to the population, the costs and disruption caused by severe property damage and the cost to all taxpayers of Federal disaster relief efforts. Eligible projects include: acquisition, relocation, elevation, and strengthening of structures, development of standards to protect structures from disaster damage, and drainage improvement projects. Green Infrastructure projects such as rain gardens, roadside swales, infiltration trenches, vegetative buffers, etc.... can fit into the minor localized flood reduction projects or soil stabilization categories. These projects lessen the frequency or severity of flooding and decrease flood damages. This designation can include a system of LID/GI-based stormwater management devices that reduce runoff volumes by infiltration, evapotranspiration, or storage of rainwater for beneficial uses, as long as the system demonstrably reduces the extent of flooding. These projects must not duplicate flood prevention activities of other Federal agencies and may not constitute a section of a larger flood control system.	State and local governments, universities, Tribal governments	Federal cost share maximum of 75 percent with a \$3 million cap	https://www.fema.gov/pre-disaster-mitigation-grant-program	Mr. Ron Davis, Illinois Emergency Management Agency, 110 East Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701-1109. Phone: 217-782-8719. E-mail: RDavis@iema.state.il.us
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) partners with state conservationist offices and provides funding and technical assistance to landowners to promote soil and water conservation.					
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)	Offers annual rental payments, incentive payments for certain activities, and cost-share assistance to remove highly erodible cropland or	Non-federal landowners engaged in	Farmers receive compensation, based on agricultural rent,	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/progra	In Lake County: James Rospopo, District Conservationist,

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	sensitive acres from crop production. Program encourages farmers to plant long term resource conserving vegetative covers to improve soil, water, and wildlife resources. Eligible practices include riparian buffers along streams, ditches, lakes, wetlands, and ponds, grass or contour filter strips, and windbreaks. Funds also may be used to retire agricultural floodplain land.	farming or ranching	for retiring sensitive land over a multiyear contract, usually 10-15 years. Program is administered by the Farm Service Agency.	ms/?cid=stelprdb1041269	McHenry County Email: james.rosopo@il.usda.gov. Phone: 815-338-0099 ext. 3 http://www.mchenryswcd.org/index.htm In Kenosha County: Dan Treloar, County Conservationist 262-857-1900 http://www.co.kenosha.wi.us/677/Programs-Services
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)	Promotes the conservation of soil, water, air, energy, plant and animal life located on working lands.	Individuals, organizations, and others. Contact administrator for details	Check with the county-based USDA Service Centers for application deadlines and most current information. In-kind services or operations are required	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/csp/	
Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP)	Provides assistance to reduce hazards to life and property in watersheds from erosion and flooding due to severe natural events. May be used to establish vegetative cover, open restricted channels, repair diversions and levees, and purchase floodplain easements on flooded land in non-urban areas. Applications must be submitted within 60 days of disaster or 10 days in an emergency	Public and private landowners with a project sponsor, i.e., a state or local government or special government district.	Up to 75 percent federal cost-share for projects	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/ewp/	In Lake County: James Rosopo, District Conservationist, McHenry County Email: james.rosopo@il.usda.gov. Phone: 815-338-0099 ext. 3 http://www.mchenryswcd.org/index.htm
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	Provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers through contracts up to a maximum term of ten years in length. These contracts provide financial assistance to help plan and implement conservation practices that address natural resource concerns and for opportunities to improve soil, water, plant, animal, air and related resources on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland.	Non-federal landowners engaged in farming or ranching	Federal share maximum of 75 percent, \$450,000 aggregate cap on EQIP contracts. Beginning farmers and ranchers, as well as limited resource producers, may qualify for a 90 percent cost-share.	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/eqip/	In Kenosha County: Dan Treloar, County Conservationist 262-857-1900 http://www.co.kenosha.wi.us/677/Programs-Services
Rural Development Water &	WEP provides funding for the construction of water and waste facilities in rural communities and is proud to be the only Federal program	Rural communities with	Varies	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-	USDA Rural Development Rural Utilities Service STOP 1510, Rm 5135

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Environmental Programs	exclusively focused on rural water and waste infrastructure needs of rural communities with populations of 10,000 or less. WEP also provides funding to organizations that provide technical assistance and training to rural communities in relation to their water and waste activities.	populations of 10,000 or less		programs/water-environmental-programs	1400 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20250-1510 (202)720-9540
Streambank Stabilization Restoration Program	Administered by the mchenry/Lake Soil and Water Conservation District, goals are to develop and demonstrate vegetative, stone structure and other low-cost bio-engineering techniques for stabilizing streambanks and to encourage the adoption of low-cost streambank stabilization practices by making available financial incentives, technical assistance and educational information to landowners with critically eroding streambanks	All landowners and project sites (rural and urban) in each Illinois county	Check with the Lake/mchenry County SWCD for details	http://www.mchenrys-wcd.org/pdfs/SSRP%20FY14%20Guidelines.pdf	In Lake County: James Rospopo, District Conservationist, McHenry County Email: james.rosopo@il.usda.gov Phone: 815-338-0099 ext. 3
Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program (WFPO)	Includes the Flood Prevention Operations Program authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1944 (P.L. 78-534) and the provisions of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954 (P.L. 83-566). The Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO) Program provides technical and financial assistance to States, local governments and Tribes (project sponsors) to plan and implement authorized watershed project plans for the purpose of watershed protection, Flood mitigation, water quality improvements, Soil erosion reduction, rural, municipal and industrial water supply, irrigation, water management, sediment control, fish and wildlife enhancement and hydropower	Public sponsorship Watershed projects up to 250,000 acres. Benefits that are directly related to agriculture, including rural communities, that are at least 20 percent of the total benefits of the project	Project grants	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/landscape/wfpo/?cid=nrcs143_008271	Contact: Kevin Farmer, 202-720-3413 kevin.farmer@wdc.usda.gov

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (USDA-FS) manages programs that promote forestry and natural enhancement of urban areas through urban forestry programs.

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Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) Program	<p>The Urban and Community Forestry Program provides technical, financial, research and educational services to local government, non profit organizations community groups, educational institutions, and tribal governments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conserve working forest landscapes, • Protect forests from harm, and • Enhance benefits associated with trees and forests. 	Local governments, educational organizations, individuals, and others	Non-federal match of 50% required	https://www.fs.fed.us/managing-land/urban-forests/ucf/program	<p>Renee Hildebrandt Urban Conservation Program Admin. IDNR One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702 217-785-8771 renee.hildebrandt@illinois.gov</p>
<p>U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) compiles and distributes a list of monthly funding opportunities relating to energy and the environment. Go to http://www.eere.energy.gov/ and click on financial opportunities.</p>					
<p>U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) manages programs to protect wildlife and habitat by means such as issuing rules for hunters and anglers, administering the Endangered Species Act, and awarding grants for environmental restoration.</p>					
Challenge Cost Share Program	Provides grants for conservation practices, ecosystem protection, and enhancement of wildlife and plant habitat.	Individuals, businesses, federal, state, and local governments, universities, and non-profit organizations	Grants at 50 percent local match. Average award is about \$7,800	See Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (15.642), http://www.cfda.gov ; https://www.cfda.gov/index?s=program&mode=form&tab=step1&id=e0c1d3ddfa48debb0b0a8a83ab56474e	Assistant Director, National Wildlife Refuge System, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: NWRS,, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3803 Phone: (703) 358-2248
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Chi-Cal Rivers Fund	The Chi-Cal Rivers Fund is a public-private partnership working to restore the health, vitality and accessibility of the waterways in the Chicago and Calumet region by supporting green stormwater infrastructure, habitat enhancement, and public-use improvements	Non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and State, tribal, and local governments	Grant awards ranging from \$50,000 - \$300,000	http://www.nfwf.org/chi-cal/Pages/home.aspx	<p>Aislinn Gauchay Great Lakes, Prgm. Director 612-564-7284 aislinn.gauchay@nfwf.org Traci Giefer Great Lakes Prgm. Manager 612-564-7296 traci.giefer@nfwf.org</p>
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation General Matching and Special	Supports habitat restoration and protection on private lands	Varies	Sample grant sizes in Illinois range from \$3,000 to over \$100,000	http://www.nfwf.org	<p>http://www.nfwf.org/whatwedo/grants/search/Pages/Grant-Search.aspx?Keyword=Special%20Grant%20Programs&Project=&Org=&FromYear=</p>

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Private Stewardship Program	Provides cost share funding for conservation practices by private landowners or community groups that benefit threatened, endangered, and at-risk species	Individuals, businesses, private nonprofit organizations, local or county governments.	Project grants at 10 percent local match. Average award about \$70,000	https://training.fws.gov/courses/csp/csp3115/resources/ESA_Folder/private_stewardship5_04.pdf	USFWS Peter Fasbender Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building One Federal Drive Fort Snelling, MN 55111-4056 Phone: 612/713-534
Partners for Fish and Wildlife Programs	Assist private landowners in restoring habitat in accordance with USFWS goals, including, for example, restoration of wetland hydrology, use of prescribed burns, and planting with native vegetation. Wetlands are the primary focus of the program in Illinois. Landowners enter into at least a 10-15 year agreement to refrain from returning the land to its former use or otherwise nullifying the restoration. Eligible projects include restoration or enhancement of transient waterfowl habitat, improve water quality, flood protection, and groundwater recharge	Non-state and non-federal landowners, individuals, local government, and non-government organizations	Project grants at 50-60 percent local cost share with matching or in-kind services preferred, but not required.	https://www.fws.gov/partners/	USFWS, Division of Habitat and Resource Conservation 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 840 Arlington, Virginia 22203 703/358-2161 or 703/358-2183
Resilient Communities 2017	Wells Fargo and NFWF have partnered to create the Resilient Communities program. Through improvements to natural features and enhanced community capacity, the program will help communities prepare for future impacts associated with sea level rise, water quantity and quality and forest conservation. The program places special emphasis on inclusion and helping traditionally underserved, low- and moderate-income communities build capacity for resiliency planning and investments in “greener” infrastructure. Conserve critical land, create green infrastructure and protect water resources to address water quantity issues such as floods and droughts, and sustain water quality through enhanced natural filtering capacity. Project Types: Cover Crops &	Eligible applicants include non-profit 501(c) organizations, local governments, Indian tribes.	Grants range from \$100,000 to \$500,000. Projects that meet or exceed a 1:1 match will be more competitive (Lake County: Countywide)	http://www.nfwf.org/resilientcommunities/Pages/2017rfp.aspx	Danny Bowater Coordinator, Community-Based Conservation 202-595-2434 Daniel.Bowater@nfwf.org

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	Permaculture, Nutrient Management, Green Infrastructure and Urban Tree Canopy, Invasive Species Management and Stream Buffer Enhancements				
Environmental Solutions for Communities	Designed to support projects that link economic development and community well-being to the stewardship and health of the environment. Funding priorities include: supporting sustainable agricultural practices and private lands stewardship, conserving critical land and water resources and improving local water quality, restoring and managing natural habitat, species and ecosystems that are important to community livelihoods, facilitating investments in green infrastructure, renewable energy and energy efficiency and encouraging broad-based citizen participation in project implementation.	Tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, as well as qualified tribal and governmental agencies	Based on Request for Proposal (RFP) – posted annually	http://www.nfwf.org/environmentalsolutions/Pages/home.aspx	Wells Fargo & NFWF Carrie Clingan Program Director, Community Stewardship and Youth carrie.clingan@nfwf.org Daniel Bowater Coordinator, Community-Based Conservation Programs daniel.bowater@nfwf.org

National Park Service (NPS) manages the nation's system of national parks, historic sites, etc. and serves as a conduit for some recreation-related conservation funding. <https://www.nps.gov/index.htm>

Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program	The NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program extends and expands the benefits of the National Park Service to communities throughout the nation. When a community asks for assistance with a river, trail, or conservation assistance (enhancement) project through NPS, their staff provides free, on-location facilitation and planning expertise. Including: define project vision and goals, inventory and map community resources, identify and analyze key issues and opportunities, engage collaborative partners and stakeholders, design community outreach and participation strategies, develop concept plans for trails, parks, and natural areas, set priorities and build consensus, identify funding sources, and develop a sustainable organizational framework to support the project.	Nonprofit organizations, community groups, tribes or tribal governments, and local, state, or federal government agencies	This program does not award monetary grants or loans. Instead, an NPS staff with extensive experience in community-based outdoor recreation and conservation will work with you and your partners to get your project on the ground. If funding is necessary to achieve project goals, NPS can often assist partners in identifying and	https://www.nps.gov/rtca/index.htm	RTCA, NPS 25 E. Washington, Ste. 1650 Chicago, IL 60602 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diane Banta diane_banta@nps.gov (708) 280-3890 Michael Mencarini michael_mencarini@nps.gov (312) 833-8280
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			securing sources of financial assistance.		
U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regulates the federally mandated metropolitan planning process and administers federal transportation funding.					
Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)	These set-aside funds include all projects and activities that were previously eligible under TAP, encompassing a variety of smaller-scale transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreational trails, safe routes to school projects, community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity.	Local government units with taxing authority	80 percent federal share of project costs in general, 50 percent for acquisition. Awards up to \$2 million	https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/factsheets/transportationalternativesfs.cfm (Federal), http://www.idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/local-transportation-partners/county-engineers-and-local-public-agencies/funding-opportunities/ITEP (Illinois)	USDOT David Bartz Office of Program Administration 512-536-5906 david.bartz@dot.gov Illinois DOT, 2300 S. Dirksen Pkwy., Springfield, IL 62764. Phone: 217-782-7820
Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) manages, conserves and protects Illinois' natural, recreational and cultural resources, further the public's understanding and appreciation of those resources, and promotes the education, science and public safety of Illinois' natural resources for present and future generations.					
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)	Cooperative effort between landowners, state, local and federal agencies designed to enhance the Illinois River by protecting water quality and land in the Illinois River Watershed. Landowners who take environmentally sensitive land out of agricultural production in the Illinois River Watershed will receive financial incentives, cost-share incentives and technical assistance for establishing long-term, resource conserving covers. Supported practices include: tree planting, habitat, wetlands, filter strips, and buffers. Terms may be 15, 30, or 50 years or permanent	Individuals, corporations, non-governmental organizations	Varies by practice and type of land	https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/CREP/Pages/default.aspx	In Lake County: James Rospopo, District Conservationist, McHenry County Email: james.rosopo@il.usda.gov. Phone: 815-338-0099 ext. 3
Federal Recreational	This program provides funding assistance for acquisition, development, rehabilitation and	Federal, state and local government	This grant maximum represents a total	https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/AEG/Pages/Fed	IDNR-

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Trails Program (RTP)	maintenance of both motorized and non-motorized recreation trails. By law, 30% of each states' RTP funding must be earmarked for motorized trail projects, 30% for non-motorized trail projects and the remaining 40% for multi-use (diversified) motorized and non-motorized trails or a combination of either.	agencies, not-for-profits organizations and private operators of motorized recreational facilities open to the public.	minimum project cost of \$250,000 per application. Up to 80% project funding.	eralRecreationalTrailsProgram.aspx	Office of Grant Management and Assistance One Natural Resources Way Springfield, Illinois 62702 dnr.grants@illinois.gov telephone: (217) 782-7481
Special Wildlife Funds Habitat Fund	The Illinois Habitat Fund is one of three programs funded through the purchase of a State Habitat Stamp. For the Illinois Habitat Fund Grant Program, eligible projects are limited to those seeking to preserve, protect, acquire or manage habitat (all wetlands, woodlands, grasslands, and agricultural lands, natural or altered) in Illinois that have the potential to support populations of wildlife in any or all phases of their life cycles	Not-for-profit organization or government agency and Permission from the landowner (if applicable) to develop and/or manage habitat	Projects designed to protect, preserve, acquire, or manage habitat. Contact program administrator for assistance Amounts	https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/grants/Documents/2017HabitatNOFO.pdf	IDNR Office of Grant Management and Assistance One Natural Resources Way Springfield, IL 62702-1271 DNR.specialfunds@illinois.gov Federal Aid/ Special Funds Unit (217) 782-2602
Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Program	A state-financed grant program that provides funding assistance to local government agencies for acquisition and/or development of land for public parks and open space	Local units of government	Funding assistance up to 50% of approved project costs can be obtained. Grant awards up to \$750,000 for acquisition projects; development/renovation projects are limited to a \$400,000 grant maximum.	https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/AEG/Pages/OpenSpaceLandsAcquisitionDevelopmentGrant.aspx	Illinois Department of Natural Resources One Natural Resources Way Springfield, IL 62702-1271 DNR.Grants@illinois.gov 217-785-2361
Land & Water Conservation Fund program (LWCF)				https://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/index.htm	
Acres for Wildlife				https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/wildlife/Pages/AcresWildlife.aspx	

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Schoolyard Habitat Action Grants	Support enhancement of wildlife habitat, with emphasis on youth involvement and education	Educational organizations and others. Project must involve a trained Project WILD educator or facilitator	The maximum annual award is \$1,000 per applicant. Funds are provided on a reimbursement basis.	https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/education/Pages/GrantsSHAG.aspx	Illinois Department of Natural Resources' Division of Education One Natural Resources Way Springfield, IL 62702-1271 Phone: 217-524-4126 dnr.teachkids@illinois.gov
Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip Grants & Free Educational Materials	Supports field trips for students to visit natural areas, natural history museums, and other natural resource related activities. Conservation education materials, including lesson plans, can be used separately.	Educational organizations and teachers in Illinois	The maximum annual award is \$1,000 per applicant. Funds are provided on a reimbursement basis.	https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/education/Pages/GrantsIBFTG.aspx	Illinois Department of Natural Resources' Division of Education One Natural Resources Way Springfield, IL 62702-1271 Phone: 217-524-4126 dnr.teachkids@illinois.gov

Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA)

Streambank Stabilization Restoration Program	Goals are to develop and demonstrate vegetative, stone structure and other low-cost bio-engineering techniques for stabilizing streambanks and to encourage the adoption of low-cost streambank stabilization practices by making available financial incentives, technical assistance and educational information to landowners with critically eroding streambanks	All landowners and project sites (rural and urban) in each Illinois county	Check with the Lake/McHenry County SWCD for details	http://www.mchenrys-wcd.org/pdfs/SSRP%20FY14%20Guidelines.pdf	In Lake County: James Rospopo, District Conservationist, McHenry County Email: james.rosopo@il.usda.gov . Phone: 815-338-0099 ext. 3
Sustainable Agriculture Grant Program	Supports projects include those that carry out research, education, and on-farm demonstration projects that support sustainable agriculture, conserve soil, protect the environment, and maintain profitability; 10 year term	Individuals, corporations, local governments. Landowner must have an approved management/conservation plan	Grants awarded up to \$10,000 per individual; \$20,000 per unit of government, or other eligible organization. 60% cost-share	https://www.agr.state.il.us/conservation-2000	

Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Useful website to search for educational grants at <https://www.isbe.net/>.

Lake County: <https://il-lakecounty.civicplus.com/>

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Lake County SMC Watershed Management Board (WMB) Stormwater Infrastructure Repair Fund (SIRF) Stream & River Clean Up Projects	<p>Watershed Management Board (WMB) grants provide up to 50% cost-share for projects that address flood damage mitigation, water quality improvement and natural resources enhancement within Lake County (includes green infrastructure). Flood mitigation/reduction criteria receive the greatest weight in determining funding awards.</p> <p>The \$100,000/year SIRF can assist local units of government in resolving interjurisdictional drainage and flooding related problems (i.e., stormwater management system infrastructure needs). The SIRF program is a 50/50 cost share match for SIRF eligible projects in Lake County.</p> <p>SMC offers small grants for stream and river clean-up projects.</p>	Watershed Management Board members in good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program and comply with SMC policies	<p>Cost-share at least 50% with funds or in-kind services or a combination of both. Approximately \$100,000 to \$150,000 is available each year for planning, engineering analysis, alternate solution evaluation, design, capital construction, maintenance and repairs projects.</p> <p>Up to \$500 for stream and river clean-up projects.</p>	http://www.lakecountyl.gov/3635/Watershed-Management-Board-WMB http://www.lakecountyl.gov/2284/Winter-Maintenance-Best-Practices	<p>Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, 500 W Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois, 60048 847-377-7710</p> <p>For information on WMB/SIRF programs Sharon Osterby 847.377.7706 sosterby@lakecountyl.gov</p> <p>For information on Stream & River Cleanup Projects contact Haley Meents 847.377.7714 hmeents@lakecountyl.gov</p>
Lake County Deicing Workshop	<p>The Annual Lake County Deicing Workshop provides an opportunity to focus on sensible salting practices for roadways, parking lots and sidewalks. This workshop snow and ice removal presentations include the effects of weather conditions & storing materials, surface safety, environmental effects (chloride use), materials selection, maintenance best management practices and application rate & calibration.</p> <p>The workshop also includes truck calibration demonstrations/expos, being added to the preferred provider list maintained by Lake County SMC, showcasing local vendors who specialize in deicing, anti-icing, and snow removal services and equipment and valuable resources for additional winter maintenance practices information.</p>	Public works superintendents, managers, directors, snow plow operators/de-icing applicators, contractors maintaining private/public walkways And/or parking lots, property managers writing de-icing contracts, facility/grounds maintenance staff, distributors of anti-icing/de-icing products	Technical and informational assistance		<p>Lake County Stormwater Management Commission & Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center 500 W Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois, 60048</p> <p>For information on the Deicing Workshop Mike Adam 847-377-8020 madam@lakecountyl.gov</p>

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Lake County Voluntary Buyout Program	Using federal and state matching grants, SMC offers a voluntary buyout program for repetitively flood damaged structures in Lake County.	SMC maintains a list of properties that are candidates for buyouts when funds become available	Buyouts are typically 75% federal and 25% local cost share for qualified structures	http://www.lakecountyil.gov/2372/Voluntary-Floodplain-Buyout-Program	Contact Sharon Osterby 847.377.7706 sosterby@lakecountyil.gov
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)					
Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP)	Addressing local issues at the intersection of transportation, land use, and housing, including the natural environment (including green infrastructure components), economic growth, and community development. CMAP initiated the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program in 2010. The program involves providing assistance to communities across the Chicago metropolitan region to undertake planning projects that advance the principles of GO TO 2040 (comprehensive regional plan to help the seven counties and 284 communities plan together for sustainable prosperity through mid-century and beyond).	Local governments, nonprofits, and intergovernmental organizations	Technical Assistance & CMAP recommendations based on the GO TO 2040 Program Local match between 5-20% of the value of the assistance from applicants	http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/programs-and-resources/lta	Tony Manno, CMAP 312.386.8606 tmanno@cmap.illinois.gov
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)	A federally-funded program of surface transportation improvements designed to improve air quality and mitigate congestion. The program development and review is overseen by the CMAQ Project Selection Committee. CMAP staff performs technical analyses of all projects and oversees the implementation of the program. The Illinois Department of Transportation administers the program funding. Green fleets programs and alternative fueling stations have received funding. Emissions reduction was the primary criteria.	Transit (trails, roads, etc...) projects - intersection improvements, signal interconnects, transit access projects, etc... that reduce vehicle emissions	80% federal / 20% local match	http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/mobility/strategic-investment/cmaq/program-development USDOT Website https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/air-quality/cmaq/	CMAP program manager Doug Ferguson 312.386.8824 dferguson@cmap.illinois.gov
Transportation Alternatives	Transportation Alternatives is targeted at off-street trails (bicycle facility projects). GO TO	Local gov'ts, regional transportation	80% federal / 20% local match	http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/mobility/strategic-investment/cmaq/program-development	CMAP program manager Doug Ferguson 312.386.8824

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(non-motorized trails)	2040 specifically recommends prioritizing greenway trails in the programming of Transportation Enhancements (now Transportation Alternatives) funding. CMAP coordinates planning for trails and greenways in the region. The officially adopted Northeastern Illinois Greenways and Trails Plan (RGTP) is a long-range, multi-jurisdictional plan which envisions a network of continuous greenway and trail corridors, linked across jurisdictions, providing scenic beauty, natural habitat, and recreational and transportation opportunities.	authorities, transit agencies, natural resource or public land agencies, school districts, and any other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for oversight of transportation or recreational trails		investment/transportation-alternatives	dferguson@cmap.illinois.gov
Surface Transportation Program (STP)	Provide all members of the County's Council of Mayors the possibility to participate in receiving federal transportation funds at some point in time by offering a variety of possible projects. Reduce traffic congestion by investing in the transportation system. Maximize, as much as possible, the amount of Federal and other transportation funds. Phase II Engineering, Construction and Construction Engineering. Non-motorized travel accommodations are eligible as part of roadway projects.	Any local agency having jurisdiction of a federally eligible roadway.	Lake County: 80% federal/20% local STP funding match	http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/about/involve/committees/advisory-committees/council-of-mayors/surface-transportation-program	Lake County DOT Bruce Christensen 847-377-7455 bchristensen@lakecountyil.gov
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD)					
Green Infrastructure Program	Partnership with local communities and agencies to assist in the implementation of GI projects. Goals of the program are to supplement conventional gray infrastructure in reducing wet-weather flows to combined sewer systems, reducing combined sewer overflows to local waterways, reducing basement backups, reducing runoff volumes, and improving water quality in separate sewer service areas.	Municipalities, townships and other government agencies within the District's corporate limits	Financial assistance of up to half the cost on selected GI projects, based on project cost and location in flood prone areas.	mwrdd.org (TBD) – website currently under construction	Jim Yurik yurikj@mwrdd.org 708-588-3608
Other Public & Private Organizations					

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Climate & Cultural Resilience Grants	Enterprise's Climate & Cultural Resilience Grants support organizations seeking to use the tools of creative placemaking in the context of a climate resilience project. Projects should identify a climate resilience challenge and propose a plan for building cultural resilience in the process of addressing that challenge. Projects may be at the building or neighborhood scale and can range from planning to implementation. Examples of projects from other communities include: stormwater infrastructure with artistic and educational public elements, community-driven cultural asset mapping for neighborhood resilience plan, creation and installation of a solar powered neighborhood utility, rain barrel builds to capture rainwater and reduce flooding, maker festival that initiates formation of a neighbor-to-neighbor network, build-a-bike workshops to increase carbon-neutral mobility, community collaborations that address resilient food systems	Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs); Community Development Corporations (CDCs) as defined by the HUD Section 4 program definition; or Organizations serving Native American Populations with a defined mission that includes affordable housing including Tribes, Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) or Tribal Housing Authorities (THAs).	5 grants of \$100,000 each available	http://www.enterprisecommunity.org/financing-and-development/grants	Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. Marissa Pio Roda Director, Grants & Contracts Management Columbia Headquarters 70 Corporate Center 11000 Broken Land Parkway, Suite 700 Columbia, MD 21044 410.772.2784 mpioroda@enterprisecommunity.org
Urban Water Management (Surdna Foundation)	Funds available to create pilot projects or expand promising projects in cities and metro areas that demonstrate innovative stormwater management practices. Particularly interested in cities responding to federal regulatory action regarding stormwater management. Also seek green infrastructure solutions that create quality jobs, businesses, and other equitable economic benefits and engage the community in design decisions.	Federally-recognized not-for-profit organizations	Varies	http://www.surdna.org/what-we-fund/sustainable-environments/urban-water-management.html	330 Madison Avenue 30th Floor, New York, NY 10017 Phone 212 557 0010 grants@surdna.org
HUD Community Development	Program that works to ensure decent affordable housing, provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities, and create jobs through the	Allocated between States and local jurisdictions	HUD determines the amount of each grant by using a formula	https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm	Chicago Regional Office Ralph Metcalfe

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Block Grant (CDBG) Program	expansion and retention of businesses. CDBG-financed projects could incorporate green infrastructure into their design and construction.	called "non-entitlement" and "entitlement" communities respectively	comprised of several measures of community need, including the extent of poverty, population, housing overcrowding, age of housing, and population growth lag in relationship to other metropolitan areas	_planning/community development/programs	Federal Building, 24th Floor, 77 W. Jackson Boulevard Chicago, IL 60604-3507 P: 312-913-8713 Lake County Public Building & Development Jodi Gingiss, Community Development Admin. 847-377-2475 communitydevelopment@lakecountyil.gov
Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation	Supports projects that enhance natural areas, increase renewable energy, or improve energy efficiency. Can be used to purchase land.	Private not-for-profit organizations, educational organizations, local governments	Call for details, which change year to year	http://www.illinoiscleanenergy.org	Illinois Clean Energy 2 N. LaSalle St., Suite 1140 Chicago, IL 60602 Phone: 312-372-5191 info@illinoiscleanenergy.org
Illinois Conservation and Climate Initiative (ICCI)	A joint project of the State of Illinois and the Delta Institute that allows farmers and landowners to earn greenhouse gas emissions credits when they use conservation tillage, plant grasses and trees, or capture methane with manure digesters.	Individuals and corporations	See contact information for more details	http://www.epa.state.il.us/air/climatechange/documents/icci-brochure.pdf	The Delta Institute 312-554-1909 or Illinois EPA Richard Breckenridge (217) 558-6818 richard.breckenridge@illinois.gov
Riverwatch	Is a volunteer-driven effort to collect stream data from Illinois streams and submit the data to the Illinois Natural History Survey. This former IDNR program is now being administered by The National Great Rivers Research & Education Center	All Illinois streams	Monitoring training, forms, and kits	http://www.ngrrec.org/riverwatch/about/	National Great Rivers Research & Education Center One Confluence Way East Alton, IL 62024 Phone: (618) 468-2900
Trust for Public Lands (TPL)	Works with local organizations to conserve lands for a variety of uses, to include farms, ranches, natural lands and lands of historic importance	Local government, private not-for-profit organizations, educational organizations, and others	Technical and informational assistance to identify lands to be protected and assist in financing and land transactions	http://www.tpl.org	Call 312-427-1979 & 314-436-7255

Note: Orange rows indicate that funding source applies to technical and informational assistance.

Reference Sources

Several grant search engines and organizations exist to help identify funding sources. Fees for services or products may be charged by these organizations. When searching, be sure to clarify whether charges will be incurred. For "do-it-your-selves," local grant data collection centers are available throughout Illinois.

Resources	Reference information
USEPA green infrastructure funding opportunities	https://www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure/green-infrastructure-funding-opportunities#Funding Tools
Environmental Grant maker's Association	Provides a list of environmental grant foundations. Http://www.ega.org
Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance	https://www.seek.state.mn.us/resource/minnesota-office-environmental-assistance
The Foundation Cent	79 Fifth Street, New York, New York 10003. Phone: 212-620-4230. Http://www.fdncenter.org
Sonoran Research Institute	Look for Conservation Assistance Tools (CAT) at http://www.sonoran.org
Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Grant Opportunities	Funding information: https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/grants/pages/default.aspx
The Donor's Forum of Chicago	208 S. LaSalle St., suite 735, Chicago, il 60604. Phone: 312-578-0175. Http://www.donorsforum.org . E-mail: info@donorsforum.org
eCivis Grants Network	Assistance for local governments to improve their grants success through expert grant research, information, grant training, and technology. eCivis, Inc. 3452 E. Foothill Blvd, Floor 9, Pasadena, CA 91107. Phone: 877-232-4847. Email info@ecivis.com ; http://www.ecivis.com/